

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendments received 12/14/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 6-7, 9, 15-16, and 19-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20100119</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1, 6-7, 9, 15-16, and 19-20 are pending.
2. The objections to claims 15 and 16 have been withdrawn in view of the amendments received 12/14/2009.
3. The 35 USC 112 1st paragraph rejections have been withdrawn in view of the amendments received 12/14/2009.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Irene Lin on 1/21/2010.

Amend the application as follows:

5. In Claim 1, lines 2-3, delete,
"a speech modeling system, receiving and transferring a mixed multi-lingual speech signal into a plurality of speech features;"
and insert,
-a digital signal processing unit;
a speech modeling system, receiving and transferring a mixed multi-lingual speech signal into a plurality of speech features; -

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6. In Claim 1, line 6, delete,
- “a cross-lingual diphone model generation engine,”
- and insert,
- a cross-lingual diphone model generation engine executed by the digital signal processing unit, –

Allowable Subject Matter

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per independent claims 1 and 9, the closest known prior art fails to teach alone or in fair combination the following limitations:

fixing left contexts of the multi-lingual baseforms and mapping right contexts of the multi-lingual baseforms to obtain a mapping result;

fixing right context and mapping the left contexts of the multi-lingual baseforms to obtain the mapping result if the right contexts of the multi-lingual baseforms mapping fails; and

obtaining the multi-lingual context-speech mapping data according to the mapping result.

D'Hoore teaches a multi-lingual speech recognition system but fails to teach multi-lingual mapping based on context. Burns teaches query commands to a speech recognition system. Lastly, Black teaches contextual mapping but fails to teach that the

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left context is fixed then right mapping and if that fails then fixing the right context and mapping the left to recognize multi-lingual speech.

Dependent claims 6-7 and 19 are also considered allowable for further limiting and being dependent on independent claim 1.

Dependent claims 15-16 and 20 are also considered allowable for further limiting and being dependent on independent claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Refer to PTO-892, Notice of References Cited for a listing of analogous art.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GREG A. BORSETTI whose telephone number is (571)270-3885. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (8am - 5pm Eastern Time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RICHEMOND DORVIL can be reached on 571-272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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